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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
Jean-Luc Dubois : Group: 1615
Serial No.: 09/194,996 :
Filed: 09/20/1999 : Examiner: Ghall, Isis A D
For: TRANSDERMIC... MEDICAMENTS:

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 6, 2005, Applicants request
reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 11 to 21, all other claims have been
cancelled.

Claims 11-14, 16, 17, 20, and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being
obvious over the '931, '394 and '736 Patents. The Examiner states that the '931
reference teaches a transdermal therapeutic system for administering a mixture of steroid
sex hormones comprising two active ingredients having matrix layers arranged side by
side wherein one matrix is loaded with gestagen and the other is loaded with estrogen and